

Phase I Catch Up Programme - Key Stage 3

The additional support outlined below is Phase One in the approach to support Years 7, 8 and 9 students. As further gaps in knowledge emerge, additional strategies will be structured to address student needs.

Year 7

Firstly, teachers have focussed on supporting Year 7 students as they transition from Primary School into the Hedingham School community. This has allowed the beginning of positive relationships to be built with both teachers and students.

Giving time to allow students to understand the structures in place at the School has been essential to enable them to settle in and feel comfortable to continue their learning.

Whilst we have data from Primary Schools, this initial period has been a process of assessing students' strengths and development areas across subject areas. This is central in the decision made about the shape of the subject curriculum to come.

Fundamentally, we want to sharpen student enthusiasm towards their learning across a broader range of subjects than they will have been given access to before. We hope to capture student interest and curiosity in the classroom.

Years 8 and 9

Whilst we are conscious of lost time in all subjects, our initial priority for Year 8 and 9 students is to regain any lost ground in English and Maths. From Monday 5 October students have access to online recorded lessons on Microsoft Teams for both English and Maths.

The pre-recorded lessons are delivered by subject specialists and each week revisit a different topic to secure content from lockdown. Students can access these recorded lessons at any time during the week, revisit them and speak to teachers directly in school in relation to content or further support required. Additional tasks will be set which students are able to complete in their own time.

This provision is available for all students in Years 8 and 9. An overview of topics is available to students, which acts as a 'menu' for students. Students are able to choose as many of the tutorials as they want to. Even if students have a good grasp of the topics identified, having the opportunity to revisit these areas in a virtual way, may help build confidence, strengthen recall and provide reassurance.

Reading Opportunities

Students have been allocated a slot through tutorial time to access the learning centre. This allows students the opportunity to browse and choose from the variety of books available in School to take home.

Hedingham School have also subscribed to a reading app called SORA, available to all year groups. The reading app provides a gateway to a vast selection of e-books and audio books from various authors and publishers. Internet access is required to download the books. The books can then be stored directly on the device to read or listen to at any time. Students can login by using their school username and password. Students have been shown how to access the SORA reading app during tutorial time and utilise the different features available. This online app is a great opportunity to access a range of different books free of charge at any time.

Book Clubs are available for students to join, along with one-to-one reading for further support.